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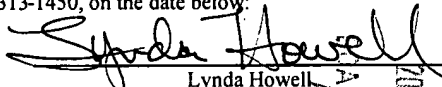
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AFFIDAVIT OF HENRY JOHN HUMMEL, JR.
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I, Henry John Hummel, Jr., hereby state:

1. My name is Henry John Hummel, Jr. and I reside in Skillman, New Jersey.
2. I am presently employed by General Electric Healthcare as the General Manager of the Global Biosciences Business.
3. I am a named co-inventor on the referenced patent application and am intimately familiar with both the application and the project which gave rise to the claimed invention.

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4. At the time the invention was made, I was employed by General Electric Medical Systems, the predecessor company to General Electric Healthcare as the Programs Manager for the InSite Interactive Project. The InSite Interactive Project was a design project intended to develop a new paradigm for the collection and exchange of data with medical institutions and equipment for the purpose of rendering services to such institutions in an interactive manner.

5. As the Programs Manager, I initiated review of a number of inventions representing facets of the project and oversaw and coordinated invention disclosures, preparation of patent applications, naming of inventors, and filing of applications.

6. As part of my responsibilities, I implemented with my design team a strict process for identifying primary inventors and other direct contributors who participated as co-inventors on certain subject matter with the primary inventors.

7. In working with our patent counsel, the strategy selected was to describe the overall system of which the present invention was a part. While other patent applications were filed, the present patent application shared a common detailed description which was deemed reasonable inasmuch as the best mode at the time of filing included the various facets of the system commonly described.

8. The inventions commonly described were, however, considered to be quite separate and I personally oversaw the process of selecting the actual inventors to be named for the present patent application.

9. I believe that the application names the true and correct inventors of the subject matter claimed, and that no other inventors contributed materially to the subject matter claimed.

I declare further that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these

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Dated: 17-March-2005

By:


Henry John Hummel, Jr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this day of 17 March 19 2005



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